



National Transportation Safety Board

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Office of Marine Safety

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Place: Telephone Interview

Person Interviewed: Captain Blaine Horne

Interview Conducted By: Robert B. Ford,
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INTRODUCTION

Captain Blaine Horne was interviewed in conjunction with the investigation into the sinking of the U.S. Small Passenger Vessel *Panther*. The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation. It has been developed from my handwritten notes of the conversation and is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

INTERVIEW

Captain Horne had worked for Everglades National Park Boat Tours for one day before the vessel sank. On December 29, 2002, one day before the sinking of the *Panther*, Captain Horne saw the Panther returning to the National Park Service marina with a full load of passengers and a significant starboard list. Captain Horne attributed the list to the large load of passengers. However, after the passengers were disembarked at the marina, the list remained. Captain Horne stated that the Master on the *Panther* was Captain Dennis.

END OF INTERVIEW

Robert B. Ford